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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1186

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS APRIL 25

\$EF: LISBON 1055 (DTG 181456Z FEB 76)

1. FOLLOWING FEB 23 MEETING, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC)  
ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD:

-- ADVISED PRESIDENT TO SET LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS  
FOR APRIL 25;

-- REVIEWED PROGRESS OF LATEST NEGOTIATION WITH ARMED FORCES

MOVEMENT (AFM) - PARTIES PACT;

-- NOTED WITH CONCERN THE GROWING ACTIVITY OF "CERTAIN ANTI-  
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DEMOCRATIC AND REACTIONARY SECTORS"; AND

-- HEARD A REPORT ON PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO  
MADEIRA.

2. PACT AND ELECTION TIMING: RC SPOKESMAN CPT  
SOUSA E CASTRO TOLD PRESS FEB 23 THAT ALL THE DIFFICULTIES  
WITH THE PACT HAD BEEN OVERCOME IN WEEKEND MEETINGS  
WITH THE PPD AND THE PS. HE PREDICTED THE PACT WOULD  
BE SIGNED FEB 24 OR 25. SOUSA E CASTRO SAID THAT  
CERTAIN DIFFERENCES HAD BEEN PUT ASIDE FOR CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY TO RESOLVE. HE ADDED THAT PPD HAD AGREED TO  
LEAVE TIMING OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND RC TO DECREE,  
AND THAT "SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS NEED NOT BE HELD ON THE SAME  
DAY;" I.E., "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS COULD FOLLOW LEGISLATIVE

ELECTIONS BY 15-35 DAYS."

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT MUST DECREE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS SIXTY DAYS IN ADVANCE -- OR BY FEBRUARY 26 FOR  
APRIL 25 ELECTIONS. FORMAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BEGIN,

HOWEVER, UNTIL 21 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION. PPD  
SOURCE PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT RC HAD BACKED PPD POSITION  
FOR CLOSELY SPACED ELECTIONS, AND THAT PPD WAS PREPARED TO  
AGREE TO PACT IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS.  
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